

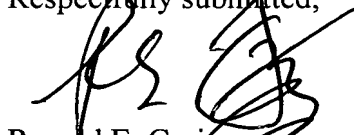
Applicant: Armin MERZ et al.  
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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 have been canceled. Claims 9-28 are presently in the application. The above amendments are being made to place the application in better condition for examination.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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